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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 May 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 and 38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 and 38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office action is responsive to the following communication: Request for Continued Examination filed on 24 May 2007.
2. Claims 1-36 and 38 are pending and present for examination. Claims 1, 8, 15, 22, 26, and 32 are in independent form.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

3. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 24 May 2007 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

4. Claims 1, 8, 15, 22, 26, and 32 have been amended.
5. Claim 37 has been cancelled.
6. No claims have been added.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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8. **Claims 1-23, 25-26, 28-36, and 38** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kitain et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,864,871, hereinafter referred to as KITAIN), filed on 28 January 1997, and issued on 25 January 1999, in view of Thjai et al (USPGPUB No. 2003/0163740, hereinafter referred to as THJAI), filed on 15 February 2001, and published on 28 August 2003, and in further view of Blumer et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,732,219, hereinafter referred to as BLUMER), filed on 17 March 1995, and issued on 24 March 1998.

9. **As per independent claims 1, 8, 15, 22, 26, and 32**, KITAIN, in combination with THJAI and BLUMER, discloses:

A method for providing access to remotely stored files, the method comprising:

receiving an identifier from a user to an access server {See KITAIN, C5:L53-55, wherein this reads over "[w]hen the user initially accesses the web server, the user is required to provide a user identification code ("ID") and a password"};

determining, by said access server, a plurality of login data associated with the user based on the identifier received {See KITAIN, C5:L63-65, wherein this reads over "[o]nce the user has provided the ID and password; the repository server will determine what information that user is authorized to receive"}, wherein each login data provides access to at least one of a plurality of file sources, said login data being stored on the access server {See THJAI, [0067]-[0068], wherein this reads over "input of the further login information comprising a plurality of password input in respective ones of field" and "the further login information is requested with a view to establish a plurality of virtual on-to-one connections between the browser 14 and a plurality of vendor servers"};

contacting by the access server each of said plurality of file sources and logging into each of said plurality of file sources by the access server via the login data associated with each file source {See THJAI, [0067]-[0068], wherein this reads over "the further login information is requested with a view to establish a plurality of virtual on-to-one connections between the browser 14 and a plurality of vendor servers"};

retrieving, from each of said plurality of file sources, information associated with at least one file recently accessed by the user and generating a single unified list of recently accessed files from all of the plurality of file sources {See KITAIN, C12:L56-59, wherein this reads over "[t]he repository server 2 provides investors with lists of reports received from the contributor workstations 14, 16, 18 and allows investors to request lists of reports that fit certain criteria"; and C41:L21-29, wherein this reads over "the user has decided to select documents from Alex Brown & Sons, released over the last 30 days . . ."};

generating an interface containing said unified list of recently accessed files from the plurality of file sources and present said interface to the user {See KITAIN, Figure 4};

receiving changes from the user via the interface to at least one file in the unified list of recently accessed files {See BLUMER, Figures 4 and 5}; and

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propagating said changes to one or more appropriate file sources in said plurality of file sources by said access server, said appropriate file sources containing said at least one file {See BLUMER, Figures 4 and 5}.

Kitain et al teaches a method and system of delivering a listing of research reports and corporate information according to the entitlements of a user. While Kitain et al fails to expressly disclose the storing of a plurality of login data associated with the user, wherein said plurality of login data I used to access and login into a plurality of file sources, Thjai et al discloses a system which enables a computer to user to create a plurality of virtual connections with vendor servers. Said connections are established via login information which is stored and established for each of the connections. This additional feature disclosed in Thjai et al applied to the method and system of delivering a listing of research reports in Kitain et al would effectively allow the listing of multiple reports from a plurality of sources.

Additionally, while Kitain et al fails to expressly disclose the editing of files via a user interface, Blumer et al discloses said method of editing such that changes made on the document are propagated to the corresponding files on the server.

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the invention disclosed in Kitain et al with the inventions as disclosed in Thjai et al and Blumer et al.

One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to make these modifications such that a user may pull data from a plurality of sources without having to login to each of the plurality of sources.

10. **As per dependent claim 2, KITAIN**, in combination with THJAI and BLUMER, discloses:

The method of claim 1, further comprising presenting the user with an option of printing a file in the unified list {See KITAIN, C12:L59-61, wherein this reads over "[t]he investor can select reports from these lists to download, view and/or print"}.

11. **As per dependent claim 3, 23, 28, and 34, KITAIN**, in combination with THJAI and BLUMER, discloses:

The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one login data includes user names and passwords for each of the plurality of file sources {See THJAI, [0067]-[0068], wherein this reads over "input of the further login information comprising a plurality of password input in respective ones of field" and "the further login information is requested with a view to establish a plurality of virtual on-to-one connections between the browser 14 and a plurality of vendor servers"}.

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12. **As per dependent claims 4, 11, 18, 25, and 29**, KITAIN, in combination with THJAI and BLUMER, discloses:

The method of claim 1, wherein generating the list of recently accessed files comprises receiving a list of at least one recently accessed file from the file source {See KITAIN, C12:L56-59, wherein this reads over "[t]he repository server 2 provides investors with lists of reports received from the contributor workstations 14, 16, 18 and allows investors to request lists of reports that fit certain criteria"; and C41:L21-29, wherein this reads over "the user has decided to select documents from Alex Brown & Sons, released over the last 30 days . . . "}

13. **As per dependent claims 5, 12, 19**, KITAIN, in combination with THJAI and BLUMER, discloses:

The method of claim 1, wherein generating the list of recently accessed files comprise:

reading a time of last access for files stored on the file source {See KITAIN, Figures 4 and 7}; and

selecting a file according to its time of last access {See KITAIN, Figures 4 and 7}.

14. **As per dependent claim 6, 13, 20, 30, and 35**, KITAIN, in combination with THJAI and BLUMER, discloses:

The method of claim 1, wherein generating the unified list of recently accessed files comprises:

determining an application available to the user {See KITAIN, C13:L10-22}}; and

receiving from the file source a list of at least one file associated with the application {See KITAIN, C13:6-9}.

15. **As per dependent claims 7, 14, 21, 36, and 37**, KITAIN, in combination with THJAI and BLUMER, discloses:

The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving changes to a copy of the file {See BLUMER, Figures 4 and 5}; and

transmitting the copy of the file to the file source {See BLUMER, Figures 4 and 5}.

16. **As per dependent claims 9 and 33**, KITAIN, in combination with THJAI and BLUMER, discloses:

The system of claim 8, wherein the client interface is further configured to present the user with an option to view a file in the unified list {See KITAIN, C12:L59-61, wherein this reads over "[t]he investor can select reports from these lists to download, view and/or print"}.

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17. **As per dependent claims 10 and 17**, KITAIN, in combination with THJAI and BLUMER, discloses:

The system of claim 9, wherein the list of recently accessed files comprises a list of most recently created files {See KITAIN, C12:L56-59, wherein this reads over "[t]he repository server 2 provides investors with lists of reports received from the contributor workstations 14, 16, 18 and allows investors to request lists of reports that fit certain criteria"; and C41:L21-29, wherein this reads over "the user has decided to select documents from Alex Brown & Sons, released over the last 30 days . . . "}.

18. **As per dependent claim 16**, KITAIN, in combination with THJAI and BLUMER, discloses:

The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the computer code instructions further comprise providing the user with an option of transferring a file in the unified list to a system of the user or to another location {See KITAIN, C12:L59-61, wherein this reads over "[t]he investor can select reports from these lists to download, view and/or print"}.

19. **As per dependent claims 31 and 38**, KITAIN, in combination with THJAI and BLUMER, discloses:

The method of claim 26, further comprising presenting to the user a startup screen which includes a visual display representing the list of recently accessed files {See KITAIN, Figures 4 and 7}.

20. **Claims 24 and 27** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kitain et al, in view of Thjai et al and Blumer et al, and in further view of Official Notice.

21. **As per dependent claim 24**, the Examiner takes Official Notice that it would have been widely known and obvious to one of ordinary skill that the option of emailing a file be provided to the user.

22. **As per dependent claim 27**, the Examiner takes Official Notice that it would have been widely known and obvious to one of ordinary skill that the option of faxing a file be provided to the user.

Response to Arguments

23. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-36 and 38 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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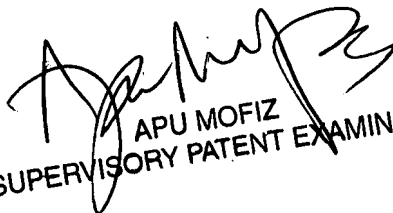
Conclusion

24. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul Kim whose telephone number is (571) 272-2737. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9am - 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Apu Mofiz can be reached on (571) 272-4080. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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